

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : D. Glenn Purcell  
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**RCE AND AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 6, 2009**

Mail Stop AF – *via EFS*  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 6, 2009. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by October 6, 2009. This RCE and Amendment is being filed concurrently with a three month extension, thus, this response is timely filed. In response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2009, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

The Applicant's **Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicant's **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.